



## **Troops to Teachers Eligibility Criteria**

### **Active Duty Eligibility for Financial Assistance**

- AD-1. Retired from active duty on or after October 1, 1999. Must apply within four years after separation.
- AD-2. Active duty member with approved date of retirement with one year or less remaining before retirement.
- AD-3. Retired or separated on or after January 8, 2002 for physical disability. Must apply within four years after separation.
- AD-4. Involuntary discharged from active duty between October 1, 1990 and 30 September 1999 due to a Reduction In Force (RIF) and had six or more years of continuous active duty. Must apply by September 30, 2003.
- AD-5. Active duty members that applied for and satisfied the eligibility criteria for the original Troops to Teachers program before its repeal on October 5, 1999.

### **Reserve Component Eligibility for Financial Assistance**

- RC-1. Retiring from the reserves with 20 or more years of service on or after October 1, 1999. Must apply within four years after separation.
- RC-2. Currently serving in the drilling reserves with 10 or more years of creditable service towards retirement and commit to serving an additional three years.
- RC-3. Retired or separated from the drilling reserves due to a physical disability on or after January 8, 2002. Must apply within four years after separation.
- RC-4. Individuals transitioning from active duty on or after January 8, 2002, and have served six years on active duty immediately before separation, and commit to three years with a drilling reserve. Must apply within four years after separation.
- RC-5 Reserve Component member with approved date of retirement with one year or less remaining before retirement.

### **Educational Requirements**

**Elementary or Secondary Education:** Baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution at the time of application.

**Vocational/Technical Education:** Equivalent of one year of college with six years of experience in a vocational or technical field.

### **Service Requirements**

A member of the Armed Forces is eligible to participate in the program only if the last period of service was honorable. Those selected to participate in the Program before the retirement, separation, or release from active duty may continue to participate only if the last period of service is characterized as honorable.

### **Eligibility for Referral and Placement Assistance**

Individuals who have a minimum of six years of active duty service and separated after January 8, 2002, and members of the reserve component who have six years of service and meet the Education and Service Requirements, may register for Referral and Placement Assistance Services. Registration must be within one year after separation.